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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Please charge any fee associated with this amendment to deposit account 19-2179.

In the Specification:

Please substituté the following Abstract for the existing Abstract in the application.

The present inventions comprise a system and method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, the identifier representing a task requiring action by an entity. In an exemplary embodiment, the system comprises a display processor for initiating display of at least one interface menu to support a user's entry of decision information for assigning a task representative identifier to a task schedule associated with a particular entity; an interface processor for receiving decision